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The Third Sunday of Advent

11 a.m. December 11, 2022

arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. God be

with you always. We hope you will find strength for your souls in this liturgy. Thank you for joining in the prayers of thanksgiving by way of the Lord's Supper. If you do not already have a church home, please consider joining us here at Immanuel. Just speak with Pastor Carol or send her a note (ceafryer@gmail.com).

In Christ,

Pastor Gregory P. Fryer gpfryer@gmail.com

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three

PRELUDE

Rêverie, from Op. 31 Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

THE BELLS

Please stand when the minister approaches the center aisle.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 87

Hail to the Lord's Anointed FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854 Music: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **And also with you.**

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- Let us pray. Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so

prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

ADVENT CANDLE (The third, pink, candle is lit by Missy Louis Howell and son Axel.)

P We praise you, O God, with this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, fear not!

Behold, your God will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a hart,

then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not pass over it, and fools shall not err therein.

⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

A The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146:4-9, LBW

Psalm Tone 9



Cantor ⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob / for their help,* whose hope is in the / LORD their God; ⁵who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that / is in them;* who keeps his prom- / ise forever;

All 6who gives justice to those who / are oppressed,* and food to / those who hunger.

⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes / of the blind;*

the LORD lifts up those who / are bowed down; 8the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares / for the stranger;*

he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way / of the wicked.

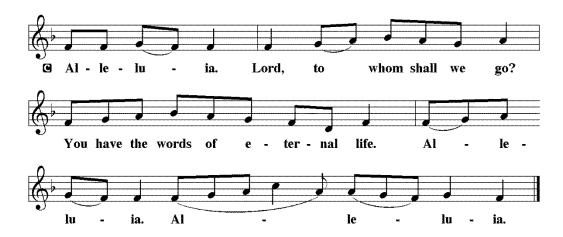
9The LORD shall / reign forever,* your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. / Hallelujah!

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

A The word of the Lord.

© Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation and the reading of the Holy Gospel.



HOLY GOSPELMatthew 11:2-11, RSV

Before the Gospel:

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th Chapter:



²Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the

poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is he who takes no offense at me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in kings' houses. ⁹Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.'

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

After the Gospel:

P The Gospel of the Lord!

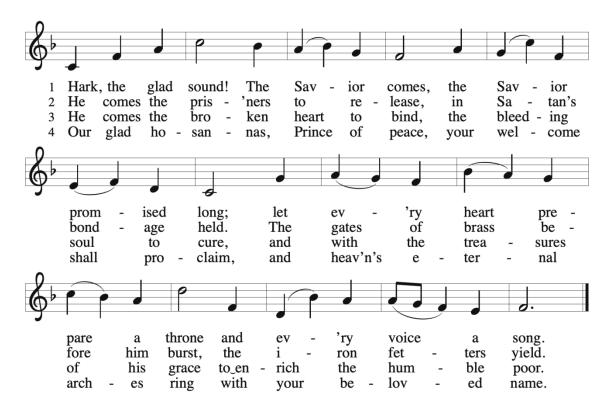


HYMN LBW 35

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CHESTERFIELD

Hark, the Glad Sound!



Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

Please sit after the Pastor's opening invocation of the Holy Trinity.

SERMON

Following the sermon, silence for reflection. Then stand for the reception of a new member.

Reception of a New Member

Andrew Dunn

INTRODUCTION

PASTORAL ADDRESS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CREED (Congregation stands and joins our new member in the Creed.)

- **P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- **■** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- **©** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PROMISES to continue in the faith of the Church.

PRAYER for our new members.

INTERCESSIONS

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **And also with you.**

Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace be with you."

Sit

THE OFFERING You can give your tithes and offerings via our QR code. Just point the camera on your smart phone to this code on your screen:



Or you can donate via this link: <u>Donate</u> Here are some other options for giving: <u>Ways to Give</u>

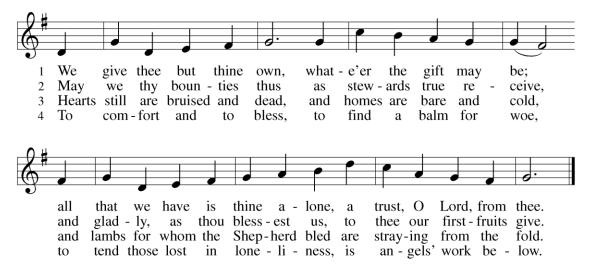
The Eucharistic Bread and Wine are moved from the credence table to the altar. The congregation remains in the pews until the Distribution of the Sacrament.

Anthem Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme "Glory unto thee be given" J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Hymn LBW 410 We Give Thee but Thine Own (Next page)

HEATH

We Give Thee but Thine Own



- 5 The captive to release, the lost to God to bring, to teach the way of life and peace it is a Christlike thing.
- 6 And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be: whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

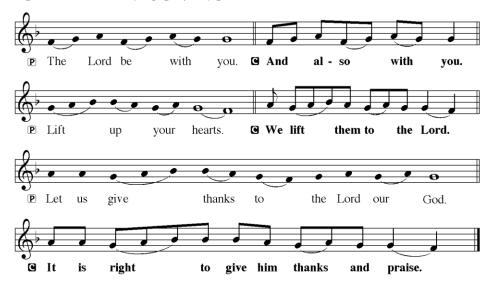
Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: HEATH, Mason and Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Please stand as the Eucharistic bread and wine and the offerings are brought forward.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- **A** Merciful Father,
- we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

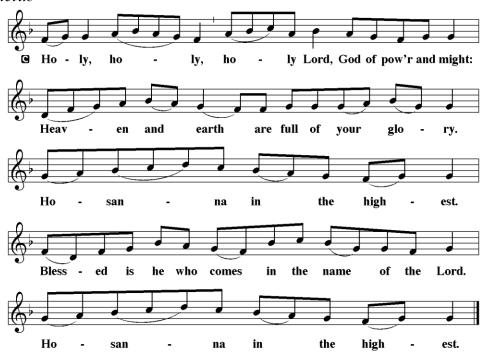
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Preface for Advent

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer I

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

© Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

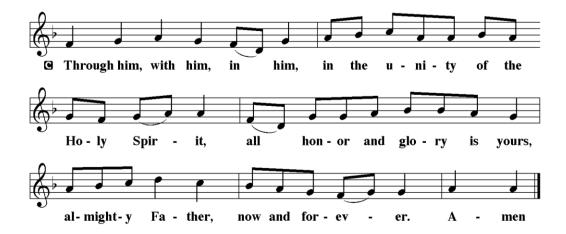
P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

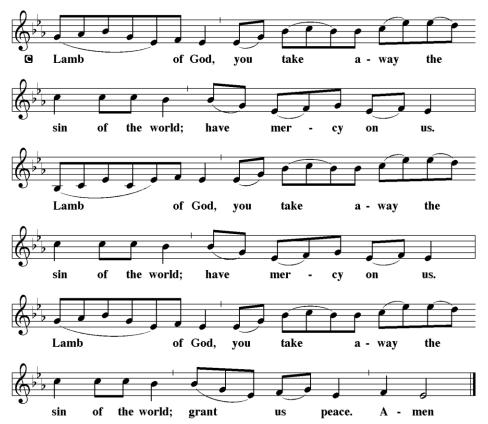


The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction. The host is broken.

Agnus Dei



THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

+ If you are home during this pandemic, worshiping online with us, here is a possible "Prayer for Spiritual Communion" lifted up in *Forum Letter* (May 2020). *Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Improvisation

HYMN LBW 200 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

OMNI DIE

For the Bread Which You Have Broken



- 1 For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n-ly board,
- 4 In your ser vice, Lord, de fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord. may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord. in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt. Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631 Text © Robert F. Jefferys Jr.

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When all have received the Blessed Sacrament, the people stand for the post-Communion blessing:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The Sending

BENEDICTION (spoken)

HYMN LBW 265

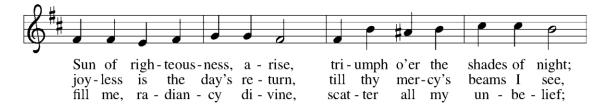
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



- Christ, whose glo ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on ly light,
- 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un ac com pa nied by thee;
- 3 Vis it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;





Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

© Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Noël "Cette Journée"

Nicolas-Antoine Lebègue (1630-1702)

Parish Announcements

+ COFFEE HOUR IN THE UNDERCROFT. You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship following the Liturgy. To get to the

- undercroft for Coffee Hour, bear to the left in the narthex as you would exit the church.
- + ABOUT TODAY'S PARAMENTS AND VESTMENTS. The blue paraments and vestments used during Advent are symbolic of hope. We hope for the Christ child to be born in us, and we wait in hope for his return.
- + The ADVENT BANNER. Two trumpets are shown one descending to announce the coming Christ and one ascending in praise for grace and thanksgiving for the coming Kingdom.
- + SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY. This is our annual Voters' Assembly to consider Immanuel's budget proposal for 2023.
- + NO LUTHERANISM 101 TODAY: We have a Special Voters' Assembly today. So, let's recess our class for now.
- + BONHOEFFER CLASS, 8 p.m. this Wednesday. Vicar Lara Bhasin is leading us in a study of Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*. Let's meet in the Martin Luther Room this Wednesday evening for our next study session. We will consider chapters 4 and 5.
- + CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA AND MUSIC FUND. The church is decorated at Christmas with a lighted tree and poinsettias. Members and friends may wish to place one or more poinsettia plants in the church to honor the memory of departed loved ones or simply as a gift to the glory of God in the incarnate Christ. A gift of \$20.00 for each plant as well as gifts in honor of sacred music here at Immanuel can be given, using the envelope included with this worship folder for your convenience. You may place it in the offering plate or give it to Ester Neubacher between now and December 18.
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Service Notes

Organist and Choirmaster	Zachary Schurman
Cantor	Olivia Ericsson
Greeters/Ushers	Luz Ortiz and Jazo Ichikawa
Altar Guild	Ester and Eric Neubacher
Crucifer	Matthias Bhasin
Lector	Jeff Rudat
Presiding Minister	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
Assisting Minister	Vicar Lara Bhasin
Preacher	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

Intercessions

+ FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Matthew O'Donnell (son-in-law of our member Jim O'Donnell, of blessed memory), John Gaines (brother-in-law of Pastors Fryer), Sally Graudons, Kathy Jolowicz, Rita Juhasz (sister of our member Irene Juhasz), Aveliza Castro (friend of Karel Horky Fernandez)

Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- + Our congregation is one of the historic Lutheran churches in town, going back to the middle of the Civil War, 1863. We are a member of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel Selbo.
- + You might be interested to hear about our reredos the wooden altarpiece at the front of our church. It was hand carved by artists in Germany's Black Forest. The left statue is Moses, with the Ten Commandments in his left arm and the two horn-like rays of light shining forth from his face after his encounter with the Lord on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 34:29-30). The right-hand statue is St. John the Evangelist, with a quill pen in his hand and an eagle at his feet. And the center statue is Jesus Christ, the personal unity and the most perfect meaning of the Law (Moses) and the Gospel (St. John).
- + Our painting of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, above the reredos, pays tribute to the founding liturgy of our congregation, Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 1863. Our painting shows Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the ground, so that at first glance you

might think that it is a painting of the Ascension. But the saintly company with Jesus — Moses and Elijah on either side, with Peter, James, and John fallen down in awe at the sight — point to the Transfiguration. Heaven knows and gives credit to the anonymous painter of our painting, but we note that it is in the style of Raphael's painting of *The Transfiguration* (1517-1520). Raphael also placed Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the disciples.

- + Our church windows were installed in 1973 and constitute a visual meditation on an ancient hymn of the Church, the *Te Deum*. Pamphlets are available in the rear of the church explaining the windows one by one.
- + Our church bells, named *Glaube*, *Hoffnung*, and *Liebe* for Faith, Hope, and Love, were a gift from German Empress Augusta Viktoria.
- + A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the choir and organ better if you sit toward the front half of the church. The overhanging choir balcony obscures some of the beauty of the music for those sitting under it.
- + Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me," and we view the presence of children in worship, even when they are wiggly and noisy, as a gift to the Church and an encouragement that our congregation is growing! Parents at their own preference are also welcome to take advantage of free childcare which we offer in the Undercroft every Sunday for children age 3-6. Our childcare worker will bring these children up to the Communion rail to receive a Blessing. We encourage older children to attend the entire service, either sitting with their parents or up in the balcony where the teens tend to congregate.
- + Our worship book is the green hymnal, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* ("LBW"). This book contains both liturgies and hymns, with liturgies in the first half and hymns in the second. Sometimes we include hymns from *With One Voice* ("WOV") or from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* ("ELW").
- + If you have a cell phone, please silence it for the liturgy. And please finish coffee or other drinks out in the narthex rather than in the main nave.

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HOLY COMMUNION	11 a.m. Sundays
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION	6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
SUNDAY SCHOOL	10 a.m. Sundays, undercroft
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY	6:30 p.m. Martin Luther Room
PARISH SECRETARY	Melissa Phillips
SEXTON	Gerry Britton
PARISH BOOKKEEPER	Charles Derderian
ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER	Zachary Schurman
SEMINARY INTERN	Vicar Lara Bhasin
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer
PASTOR	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer
Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:	
CHOIR Organist	and Choirmaster Zachary Schurman
	zac.schurman@juilliard.edu
MEALS ON HEELS Bark	oara Chomko (bchomko@nyc.rr.com)

We extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at ceafryer@gmail.com.

- + HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church's faith, who confess it with us (as in the Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.
- + HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise in need of the

- ministry of the Church, let us know. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: gpfryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.
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- + LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact the pastors.
- + FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: There is a long line of Christians, both rich and poor, who have disciplined themselves to budget a portion of their income, put it into an offering envelope first thing, and give it to the church. Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer live by that tradition and commend it to you. Online giving is also available through our website, or by following this QR code with your phone camera:

